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SUBJ: SHABA INVASION: - U.S. PRESS TREATMENT
MARCH 30-31

1. FOLLOWING IS ROUNDUP OF U.S. PRESS REACTION TO SHABA
INVASION.

2. WASHINGTON POST: (3/30)

-- DAVID LAMB WRITES FROM KINSHASA ON THE SCARCITY OF HARD
INFORMATION ABOUT THE SITUATION IN SHABA OR THE COMPOSITION
OF THE INVADING FORCE. "...THIS UNDERSCORES THE CONSTRAINTS
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PLACED ON CIA ACTIVITIES BY CONGRESS SINCE THE ANGOLA
CIVIL WAR."... "TWO YEARS AGO," SAID ONE WESTERN
DIPLOMAT, THERE'D HAVE BEEN A BLACK AMERICAN WHO SPOKE
SWAHILI DRIFTING QUIETLY AROUND AND WE WOULD HAVE HAD
A LOT BETTER HANDLE ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON."

3. NEW YORK TIMES (3/31)

-- MICHAEL T. KAUFMAN WRITES FROM ZAIRE THAT MOBUTU APPEARS TO BE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. THE ARTICLE RECOUNTS ANECDOTES OF MOBUTU'S FLAMBOYANT STYLE AND CONCLUDES THAT NO ONE IS COUNTING HIM OUT YET.

-- INVADERS HAVE PUSHED TO WITHIN 15 MILES OF KOLWEZI. REPORTS CONFLICT WHETHER GOVERNMENT FORCES ARE DIGGING IN OR BUGGING OUT.

4. BALTIMORE SUN (3/31)

-- AN AP NEWS ANALYSIS FROM JOHANNESBURG SUGGESTS THAT MOBUTU MAY BE LOSING CONTROL OVER EVENTS IN ZAIRE

-- IN AN EDITORIAL HEADED "THE INVASION OF ZAIRE" THE SUN DESCRIBES THE UNRESISTED ADVANCE OF KATANGANS INTO SHABA AND CONCLUDES THAT THE BEST HOPE OF DEFUSING THE SITUATION IS NIGERIAN DIPLOMATIC INTERVENTION.
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